



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, AREA II SUPPORT ACTIVITY
UNIT #15333
APO AP 96205-5333

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

IMKO-AB-PW

16 August 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR HOUSING RESIDENTS, AREA II SUPPORT ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Fireplace Safety Initiative

1. References:

(a) AR 420-90, Facilities Engineering Fire and Emergency Services, 10 Sep 97


(b) NFPA 211, Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances, 2003 Edition

2. Many of the fireplaces and chimneys in our family housing units show signs of deterioration and potential structural failure. These fireplace and chimney failures dramatically increase the likelihood of fire or carbon monoxide gas leaks when the fireplaces are used.

3. Regrettably, the Area II Support Activity does not have the resources to inspect, maintain, and certify the hundreds of fireplaces within Area II as required by federal fire and safety codes. Therefore, in an effort to prevent a fire or carbon monoxide gas leak from occurring within your quarters, I am asking for your cooperation and understanding in helping remedy these potential fire and safety deficiencies.

4. Beginning 1 September 2006, I have directed fireplace dampers and flues will be sealed to prevent any future use. Once the work is completed, our housing officials will place a fireplace safety sticker within the fireplace to ensure future residents are aware their fireplaces are not to be used for fires. Area II Housing Office will schedule an appointment to complete this critical safety service order to prevent any future use of the fireplace.

5. If you have any questions, please contact the Area II Housing Office at 738-8234, or the Area II Fire Department at 738-5200. Again, thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in helping make our Area II community a safer place.


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Commanding